

**IV. REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 21, 22 and 44 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 34-36, 43 and 45 have been cancelled. The amendment is being made to facilitate allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

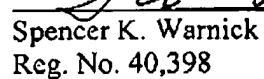
In the Office Action, the revision to the specification, filed 02/04/04, was objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132 for alleged introduction of new matter into the disclosure. Applicants have revised the specification to remove the objectionable language. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

In the Office Action, claims 34-36, 43 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In addition, claims 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wei (PN 5,369,303). Applicants have cancelled claims 34-36, 43 and 45, and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better

condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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